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MEMORANDUM

TO: Randal Jackson
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FROM: Doak C. Cox *Doak C. Cox*

RE: Hawaii Preliminary Recommendations of the Recreation Resource System Plan

The Environmental Center review of the above cited report has been prepared with the assistance of Charles Lamoureux (Botany) and Mae Kato Pattison (Environmental Center). Although our comments are late, we hope they may be of assistance to you.

Pages 10, 11. Fish and Game. Thirty-five streams and four reservoirs are identified as potential fresh water fishing areas. This could result in considerable environmental disruption, as any desirable game fish introduced would probably have a detrimental effect on native stream life. The desirable game fish would be carnivores and would have significant impact on stream ecosystems. Also, it seems that many of these streams might be intermittent rather than perennial, which raises the question as to whether they could support permanent colonies of game fish. The reservoirs are artificial structures with little native biota. Hence, fishing in those areas would present less of a hazard to natural ecosystems, although it would be necessary to provide constant supervision to assure that the reservoirs did not become sources of fish introduced to the streams.

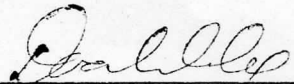
Page 13 (7) Halepohaku. It is our understanding that Halepohaku is not now used by the public, so its "rustic lodging facilities in a rugged higher elevation atmosphere" do not constitute part of an existing program. The facilities were in the past used by the public, however, in recent years it seems that the Institute of Astronomy has taken over the facilities for use by astronomers and telescope construction crews. This has been the source of some controversy, and the matter needs to be settled as to whether the facilities there will be open or closed to public use.

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Thank you for the opportunity to review the Hawaii recommendations of the Recreation Resource System Plan. We will appreciate your consideration of our comments.


Doak C. Cox, Director